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Washington, D.C. 20231

Title: HUMAN CD28 SPECIFIC MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES FOR ANTIGEN-NON-SPECIFIC

ACTIVATION OF T-LYMPHOCYTES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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In response to the office action dated November 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

(Amended) A human-compatible monoclonal antibody which is specific for human-CD28 and activates human T-lymphocytes of several to all sub-groups without occupancy of an antigen receptor of the human T-lymphocytes and thus antigen-non-specifically, and which is effective for treating a disease with pathologically reduced number of CD4 T-cells or an autoimmune disease.

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